



Easter 2024

House Circular #11
Subject: Easter

“Were not our hearts burning inside/within us as He talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us.” Luke 24:32

Dear Sisters and Associates,

We know it's Easter when we start singing “Alleluia” again after six weeks of no Alleluias. We rejoice to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Stories of the resurrection abound in the New Testament, but we will focus on just one of them, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

The two disciples encounter the Risen Lord without recognizing Him, mistaking Him for a stranger. He walked with them and listened to their conversation, sharing their hopes and disappointments, without interrupting them. After they were done, Jesus seized the opportunity to explain what they needed to know about the Messiah. The two on their part listened as they later admitted what that encounter had done to them, “their hearts were burning within them.”

In this story, Jesus gives us the model of walking with others, listening patiently to them and letting them talk it out and share their experiences, their thoughts and emotions, their hopes and disappointments, without jumping in or interrupting.

Do you have the patience to listen to others without interrupting them? When in your life have you been aware that the person who is talking to you might be Jesus? Can you think of a time when your heart was on fire for being totally in the presence of the other? How often have you felt the presence of Jesus in other people?

I will close this reflection with Donna Marie McGargill in the Servant Song. **“Above, below, and all around me, before, behind, and all through me, Your Spirit burns deep within me. Fire my life with Your love.” Servant Song by Donna Marie McGargill, OSM**

Happy Easter,

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